

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

Claims 1 and 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): A communication device connected to an image pickup ~~device~~ unit for photographing a subject, said device comprising:

~~an intake means for taking in~~ input unit adapted to input images from [[said]] the image pickup device unit;

~~a communicative means for transmitting~~ unit adapted to transmit the pickup images ~~taken in~~ inputted by ~~the intake means~~ said input unit to a transmission destination in communication therewith; and

~~a control means for starting~~ unit adapted to start an operation of said communicative ~~means~~ unit in response to the image pickup operation of the image pickup ~~device~~ unit,

wherein said control ~~means~~ unit controls said communicative ~~means~~ unit so as to make a break in communication with the transmission destination after ~~the~~ a lapse of a ~~given time~~ predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup image is completed.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The communication device as set forth in

Claim 3, further comprising a ~~store means for storing~~ storage unit adapted to store the pickup image obtained from the image pickup means unit,

wherein said communicative means unit includes a detecting ~~means for~~ detecting unit adapted to detect the state of communication with ~~[[said]]~~ the transmission destination, and

said control means unit stores the pickup image once into said ~~store means~~ storage unit on the basis of a detection result obtained by said detective means unit.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 4, wherein, in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the detection result obtained by said ~~detective means~~ detecting unit, the pickup images are stored once into said ~~store means~~ storage unit and the pickup images stored in said store ~~store means~~ storage unit are transmitted by said communicative means unit in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said control ~~means makes a~~ unit effects control so as to perform an operation ~~[[of]]~~ by said detecting means unit and the operation based on the detection result obtained by said detecting means unit in parallel with an ordinary operation.

Claims 7 and 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): An image pickup ~~device~~ unit having a

communicative function to transmit pickup images obtained by picking up images of a subject, said unit comprising:

~~a manipulative means for instructing~~ unit adapted to instruct a predetermined operation; and

~~a control means for starting~~ unit adapted to start the image pickup operation and an operation of the communicative function on the basis of the instruction of a predetermined operation by said ~~manipulating means~~ manipulative unit,

wherein said control ~~means~~ unit controls execution of the communicative function so as to make a break in communication with ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission destination after ~~the a lapse of a given time~~ a predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup image is completed.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended): The image pickup ~~device~~ unit as set forth in Claim 9, further comprising ~~a store means for storing~~ storage unit adapted to store the pickup image obtained from the image pickup ~~means~~ unit,

wherein said communicative ~~means~~ function includes ~~a~~ detecting ~~means for~~ detecting unit adapted to detect the state of communication with ~~said the~~ transmission destination and said control ~~means~~ unit stores the pickup image once into said ~~store means~~ storage unit on the basis of a detection result obtained by said detective ~~means~~ unit.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended): The image pickup ~~device~~ unit as set forth in Claim 10, wherein, in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the detection result obtained by said ~~detective means~~ detecting unit, the pickup images are

stored once into said ~~store means~~ storage unit and the pickup images stored in said ~~store means~~ storage unit are transmitted by performance of the communicative ~~means~~ function in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended): The image pickup ~~device~~ unit as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said control ~~means makes a~~ unit effects control such as to cause an operation of said detecting ~~means~~ unit and the operation based on the ~~detected~~ detection result obtained by said ~~detection means~~ detecting unit in parallel with an ordinary operation.

Claims 13 and 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A storage medium in which a processing step for transmitting pickup images obtained by photographing a subject to a specified transmission destination is stored so as to be readable by a computer, wherein said processing step includes a step of starting an image pickup operation of picking up the image of the subject and a communicating operation with the transmission destination on the basis of instructions of a predetermined operation given from a user to transmit the pickup images obtained by the image pickup operation to the transmission destination, wherein said processing step further ~~including~~ includes a step of making a break in communication with the transmission destination after ~~the a~~ lapse of a ~~given time~~ predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup image is completed.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said processing step further includes:

a detecting step of detecting the state of communication with the transmission destination; and

a store step of storing the pickup image once into a memory on the basis of a detection result obtained in said detecting step.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said processing step further includes:

a step of storing the pickup image once into the memory if the communication state is unsuitable for the transmission of the pickup image; and

a step of transmitting the pickup image stored in the memory to the transmission destination when the communication state is restored to a state suitable for the transmission of the pickup image.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said processing step further includes a step of executing said detecting step and said store step in parallel with a processing step for ordinary-time processing.

Claims 19 and 20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended): A communication method for communicating ~~[[a]]~~ photographic images from an image pickup ~~device~~ unit for picking up

images of a subject to a transmission destination, said method comprising:

an ~~intake~~ input step ~~for taking in the~~ of inputting a photographed image;

a communicative step ~~[[for]]~~ of transmitting the photographic image ~~taken~~ inputted in said ~~intake~~ input step to ~~[[a]]~~ the transmission destination in communication therewith; and

a control step ~~[[for]]~~ of starting execution of said communicative step in response to the image pickup operation of the image pickup device unit,

wherein said control step includes controlling execution of said communicative step so as to make a break in communication with the transmission destination after ~~the~~ a lapse of a ~~given time~~ predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the photographic image is completed.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended): The communication method as set forth in Claim 21, further comprising a store step ~~[[for]]~~ of storing, into memory, the photographic image obtained ~~in said~~ from the image pickup ~~[[step]]~~ unit, wherein

said communicative step includes a detecting step for detecting a state of communication with the transmission destination and said control step includes causing execution of said store step for storing the photographic image once into the memory on the basis of the detected result obtained in said detecting step.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 22, wherein, in a case of being incommunicable, as determined based on the detection result obtained in said detecting step, the photographic image is stored once

[[into]] in said store step, ~~the memory~~ and the photographic image stored in said store step is transmitted by execution of said communicative step in a case of becoming communicable.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended): The communication device as set forth in Claim 22, wherein said control step includes effecting [[a]] control [[such]] so as to perform an operation of said detecting step and the operation based on the detection result in said detecting step in parallel with an ordinary operation.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented): A communication device according to Claim 3, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended): An image pickup ~~device~~ unit according to Claim [[7]] 9, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended): A storage medium according to Claim 15, wherein [[said]] the transmission destination has been previously selected by the user from among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented): A communication method according to Claim 21, wherein the transmission destination has been previously selected by a user from

among plural transmission destinations displayed on a display screen.

Claim 29. (New): The communication device as set forth in Claim 3, wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by a user.

Claim 30. (New): The communication device as set forth in Claim 29, wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 31. (New): The image pickup unit as set forth in Claim 9, wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by a user.

Claim 32. (New): The image pickup unit as set forth in Claim 31, wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 33. (New): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by the user.

Claim 34. (New): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 33, wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.



Claim 35. (New): The communication method as set forth in Claim 21, wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by a user.

Claim 36. (New): The communication method as set forth in Claim 35, wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 37. (New): The communication device as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said communicative unit makes a radio-transmission.

Claim 38. (New): The image pickup device as set forth in Claim 9, wherein the communicative function makes a radio transmission.

Claim 39. (New): The storage medium as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said processing step further includes a step of making a radio transmission with the transmission destination.

Claim 40. (New): The communication method as set forth in Claim 21, wherein said communicative step includes making a radio transmission.